



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Rosana Kapeller-Libermann, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/935,290

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For: 56919, *A Novel Human Acyltransferase
And Uses Thereof*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the title appearing at pages 1 and 93 with the following title:

56919, A NOVEL HUMAN ACYLTRANSFERASE AND USES THEREOF

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1A-E depicts the nucleotide sequence of the human ACTR-1 cDNA and the corresponding amino acid sequence. The nucleotide sequence corresponds to nucleic acids 1 to 3003 of SEQ ID NO:1. The amino acid sequence corresponds to amino acids 828 of SEQ ID NO:2. The coding region without the 5' or 3' untranslated regions of the human ACTR-1 gene is shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph: